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## COMMISSION, OR NO COMMISSION.

The House has passed the

Railroad Commission Bill, which

will be sent to the Senate. Those who

oppose this bill give for their

chief reason that the bill would

not effect the oldest and strongest

roads. Now if this were so,

we would naturally expect non-

opposition to the bill but the

friends of the new and weaker

roads. But this is not the case.

The fact is we find the attorneys

of the old and strong lines the

bitterest opponents to the bill.

Do they do this out of friend-

ship for the small and new lin-

es? We have never heard of any

such friendship existing be-

tween the different railroad

corporations. Then what is the

matter? The Caucasian will

tell you. It is a big game of

bluff. We see nothing in the

charters of any of the state

roads to prevent the legislature

from regulating their freight

and fares. In effect the lan-

guage of the old charters is a

boon, that a certain rail-

road shall be entitled to demand

and receive the following rates:

Not to exceed so much a mile

for passengers and so much per

pound a mile for freight. Now

it seems to us that such lan-

guage would clearly show that

the legislature intended to

simply fix the maximum charge

which would of course retain

the privilege of regulating

rates. And if the railroad com-

panies do not think so, they

would not be raising so much

about the bill. In the language

of a Supreme court on this

question:

"It would require much clear-

er language than this to enable

any court to say a state had

granted away the right to pro-

tect its citizens from excessive

charges."

In conclusion, suffice it to say

to the legislature, that Sampson

and adjoining counties are

overwhelmingly in favor of the

bill. Give it a trial for two

years.

ARE THEY A SUCCESS?

There are in this State be-

tween 350,000 and 400,000 (say

375,000) white children of the

school age. About 100,000 of

this number attend the Acad-

emies private and High Schools.

Where are the other 275,000?

Do they attend the public

schools? No, the report of

Supt. Finger shows that only

130,000, less than half of them,

did so last year. And these

very ones who did not attend

are the poor and needy—the

very ones for whose benefit

the public schools are intended.

Then it is evident that the poor

and needy do not appreciate an

education that is free. Then

the system is a stupendous

failure and a failure at an ex-

pense of \$700,000 yearly. Abolish

this system that has outlived

its usefulness, and our word for

it, that in less than five years

there would be more children

attending the private schools

than there are now attending

both and that the standard of

education among the children

would be raised 50 per cent.

CAN YOU NOT DO WITHOUT

IT?

A great many persons and

newspapers are lamenting the

fact that guano has increased in

price, but not so with us. We

are glad that it has enhanced in

price and would be better pleased

if the price per ton were double

what it is now, if that fact

would prevent our farmers from

buying it. It is one of the great

humbugs of the age, and has

been one of the direct causes of

much of our hard times. The

farmer's guano bill has fathered

for him many a mortgage

and started him on the down

road to bankruptcy. The South

today would be in a better con-

dition if an ounce of guano had

never been sold to our farmer.

Our farmer is struggling to

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